

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claim 10 is cancelled and the subject matter thereof introduced into claim 1 and claims dependent thereon. This avoids the issue of indefiniteness or confusion between the term "an upper layer" and "an uppermost layer." The term "uppermost layer" as in original claim 10, is now used in the claims. For claim 14, the term "an upper" has been deleted.

The claims are all rejected as anticipated or obvious over Ishida et al. (US 2004/0081773) or Sadasivan et al. (US 2003/0108690). However, these U.S. patent publications are references only as defined under 35 USC 102(e) because of their late publication dates. Ishida et al. has an early filing date as of its PCT parent application of April 27, 2001. Sadasivan et al. has a U.S. filing date of December 12, 2001. The present application claims priority under 35 USC 119 of JP 029418/2001 filed February 6, 2001. To avoid the present rejections, applicants wish to rely on their priority date of February 6, 2001.

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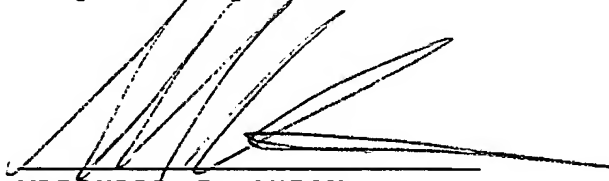
A certified copy of the priority application was filed with the present application. To complete the priority date request, there is annexed hereto a sworn translation of the priority application. Because the priority application has a similar disclosure to that of the present application, support for the present claims (including the glass transition point added during prosecution) can be found in the enclosed translation at the corresponding portion to that of the present application's support for the claims.

In view of the above, the formal objections have been avoided and the newly cited prior art has been predated.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application are respectfully requested. It is also requested that the method claims be rejoined.

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Enclosure: Sworn translation of Priority Document  
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